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## EPA Staff Seek OIG Inquiry Into ‘Fraud And Corruption’ In TSCA Reviews

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Four staff scientists at EPA’s chemical safety office are asking the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to review their claims of long-running “fraud and corruption” in the TSCA program, saying managers and political officials across multiple administrations intervened in a host of cases to ease chemical risk findings, workplace safety mandates and other aspects of their risk evaluations.

The whistleblower group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) announced July 2 that it sent a complaint to OIG and to the House Oversight & Reform Committee’s environment panel on June 28, on behalf of four staffers at the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) who claim their superiors at the agency interfered in dozens of chemical reviews to secure conclusions favorable to industry.